Postponement of Afro-Asian Games

4429. PROF. (SHRIMATI) BHARATI RAY : Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have urged the Indian Olympic Association, the organisers of the 2001 Afro-Asian Games scheduled to be held from 3rd to 11th November, 2001, to postpone the events;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the postponement would show India's inability to host the Games for nearly two decades; and

(d) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHAKIRISHNAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Dope Testing Facility in the Country

4430. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that dope testing facilities are not available in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether this facility was created during Asian Games in 1982 but the equipment has either not been working or has become out-dated;

(d) if so, whether Government propose to take help from Germany in this regard; and

(e) how much amount is being spent for each sample ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHAKIRISHNAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) There is one Dope Control Laboratory at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi which is yet to be accredited with International Olympic Committee Medical Commission.

(c) No such facility was created during 1982 Asian Games.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Approximately Rs.2,250/-.